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No refusal weekend and TACT statistics for July 4th Holiday

From July 4, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. to July 5, 2009, at 5:00 a.m. there were twenty-four DWI arrests made during the "No Refusal" initiative.

Ten individuals refused to give a sample of their breath or blood. After a judge signed a search warrant all 10 individuals had their blood drawn. One individual provided a blood sample voluntarily which is included in the results. Thirteen individuals voluntarily provided breath samples.

Below is a chart of the blood draw results. Two of the cases had their blood sample sent to an independent lab for further analysis for the presence of suspected drugs. In both of those cases marijuana was seized at the time of the arrests.

Arrested:	24
Breath Sample:	13
Refused (BSW):	10
Consent Blood Sample:	1

Blood Search Warrant Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) numbers:

High:	0.25
Low:	0.02
Average:	0.15

Less than .08 (Per Se Limit):	2 *
Up to Twice Per Se Limit:	3
Over Twice Per Se Limit:	5
Over Three Times Per Se Limit:	1

*Both drivers were suspected of having a combination of alcohol and drugs. Both drivers were in possession of marijuana at the time of their arrest.



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During our 4th of July Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks campaign (July 1, 2009 – July 5, 2009) The Austin Police Department issued 167 speeding citations, 66 Red light or stop sign violations, 160 failure to signal, 195 unsafe movements, 77 following too close, 51 seat belt violations and 413 non-hazardous violations. 19 drivers were arrested for driving while their license was invalid. 11 others were arrested for various charges.

The Austin Police Department is continuously focused on preventing lives from being lost on the streets and highways of Austin. The department is dedicated to making the roadways of Austin safe for residents and visitors through education and enforcement.

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